

**GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH  
ABSTRACT**

Public Services - MA&UD Department - Machilipatnam Municipality - Allegations of misappropriation of Municipal funds and improper maintenance of records etc. in Machilipatnam Municipality - Disciplinary proceedings instituted against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality - Inquiry conducted - Imposition of penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of three (3) years" under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980 - Orders - Issued.

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MUNICIPAL ADMINISTRATION & URBAN DEVELOPMENT (Vig.II.1) DEPARTMENT

**G.O.Rt.No.413**

**Dated.16.05.2024.  
Read the following:**

1. From the Director General, G.A. (V&E) Department, Alert Note No.69, (C.No.2056/V&E/DI/06) dated.16.07.2009.
2. G.O.Rt.No.435, MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.21.04.2010 r/w G.O.Ms.No.175., MA&UD (E1) Department, dated.21.04.2010.
3. WSD of Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, dated.05.01.2012 received through the Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, Lr.Roc.No.2046/2010-C1, dt.19.02.2015.
4. G.O.Rt.No:444, MAUD (Vig.II.1) Dept., dt.20.06.2017.
5. G.O.Rt.No.529, MAUD (Vig.II.1) Dept., dt 26.08.2019.
6. Inquiry Report of Sri.G.Nagaraju, RDMA & Inquiry Officer, Visakhapatnam, Lr. Roc.No. 498/2017/A3, dt: 12.01.2023.
7. Govt. Memo.No.17848/Vig.II/2009/A1(E-336133), Dated: 17.04.2023.
8. Written representation of Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, dated.06.07.2023.
9. Govt. Memo.No.17848/Vig.II/2009/A1-1(E-336133), Dated: 17.10.2023.
10. Explanation of Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), dated.01.02.2024.
11. G.O.MS.No.124, GA(SER.A) Dept., dt.04.12.2023.

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**ORDER:**

Whereas, based on the report of G.A. (V&E) Department in the reference 1<sup>st</sup> cited above, Government initiated disciplinary proceedings against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality and others, on the allegations of misappropriation of Municipal funds and improper maintenance of records etc. in Machilipatnam Municipality, vide G.O.s in the reference 2<sup>nd</sup> read above.

2. Subsequently, the charged officer submitted his Written Statement of Defence vide reference 3<sup>rd</sup> read above. Having not convinced with the Written Statement of Defence, and after following due procedure, the Government vide reference 4<sup>th</sup> read above, appointed Sri.T. Sakala Reddy, the then RDMA, Rajahmundry, as an Inquiry Officer. Upon his retirement, Sri.G.Naga Raju, RDMA, Rajahmundry was appointed as Inquiry Officer in place of T.Sakala Reddy to inquire into the charges framed against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), and others of Machilipatnam Municipality, vide reference 5<sup>th</sup> read above.

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3. The Inquiry Authority conducted inquiry into the charges framed against the said charged officer and submitted his report, vide reference 6<sup>th</sup> read above. The Inquiry Authority stated that Out of (4) charges; (2) Charges are held proved, (1) charge partly proved and (1) Charge is held not proved.

4. In the reference 7<sup>th</sup> read above, Government have accepted the findings of the Inquiry Officer and communicated a copy of inquiry report to the charged officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, with a direction to submit his written representation if any, on the findings of the Inquiry Officer in terms of Rule 21 (2) of APCS (CCA) Rules, 1991. The charged officer, vide reference 8<sup>th</sup> read above submitted his written representation and requested to conclude the disciplinary proceeding by showing mercy on him and to drop further action against him.

5. Government have examined the written representation of Charged Officer, keeping in view the findings of the Inquiry Officer and found that he did not put forth any new grounds in his explanation for consideration. Hence, after careful examination of the matter, Government provisionally decided to impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of three (3) years" against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, in terms of Rule-9 of AP Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

6. In the reference 9<sup>th</sup> read above, a show cause notice has been issued to Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, as to why the above said penalty at para-5 cannot be imposed against him under Rule 9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980. In reply, the Charged Officer submitted his explanation in the reference 10<sup>th</sup> read above. The contents in the WSD, Written representation submitted on the findings of the Inquiry Officer and in the present Written explanation as a reply to the Show Cause Notice are one and same. He has not put forth any new grounds in his explanation for consideration.

7. Government have examined the matter; keeping in view the findings of the inquiry report, written explanation of the Charged Officer and after following due procedure, Government has decided to confirm the penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of three (3) years" against Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, as he had failed to supervise his subordinate staff and due to his lack of supervision, only 50% of taxes collected and the Revenue Staff failed to collect Property Taxes upto the mark.

8. Accordingly, Government hereby impose a penalty of "withholding of 5% pension for a period of three (3) years" against delinquent officer Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.), Machilipatnam Municipality, under Rule-9 of A.P. Revised Pension Rules, 1980.

9. The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration, A.P, Mangalagiri, shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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**SPECIAL CHIEF SECRETARY TO GOVERNMENT**

To  
Sri P.Venkateswara Rao, the then Municipal Commissioner (Retd.),  
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The Commissioner & Director of Municipal Administration,  
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